

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on January 22, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Chair (R)
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Alan Doane, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Sarah Laszloffy (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Andrew Person (D)
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: McKenzie Chambers, Committee Secretary
Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 165, 1/14/2015; HB 171, 1/14/2015; HB 207, 1/14/2015

00:01:00 Chair J. Bennett
00:01:43 Rep. MacDonald joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 171

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:53 Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 171, Revise trespass laws related to railroads.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:22 Rep. Pease-Lopez joined the meeting.
00:06:40 DB Kenner, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET)
00:08:11 Craig Gilchrist, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:28 Dave Wood, Self

EXHIBIT(juh14a01)

00:15:25 George Glueckert, Self
00:17:48 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:41 Rep. Manzella
00:20:00 Rep. D. Moore
00:20:33 Leo Berry, BNSF Railway Company
00:21:36 Rep. Manzella
00:21:44 Leo Berry, BNSF Railway Company
00:22:21 Rep. Monforton
00:22:31 Leo Berry, BNSF Railway Company
00:22:41 Rep. Monforton
00:23:48 Leo Berry, BNSF Railway Company
00:24:21 Rep. Monforton
00:24:38 Rep. D. Moore
00:25:04 Rep. Monforton
00:25:09 Rep. Kelker
00:26:19 Rep. D. Moore
00:27:42 Rep. Kelker
00:28:17 Rep. D. Moore
00:28:46 Rep. Pinocci
00:29:09 Craig Gilchrist, Self
00:29:37 Rep. Pinocci
00:30:06 Craig Gilchrist, Self
00:31:09 Rep. Pease-Lopez

00:32:29 Rep. D. Moore
00:33:55 Chair J. Bennett
00:34:12 Rep. Wagoner
00:34:45 Rep. D. Moore

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:13 Rep. D. Moore

HEARING ON HB 165**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:36:33 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 165, Revise grandparent/grandchild contact laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:38:21 George Glueckert, Self
[EXHIBIT\(juh14a02\)](#)
00:42:28 Jane Amdahl, AARP Montana
[EXHIBIT\(juh14a03\)](#)
00:43:48 Rep. Fiscus left the meeting.
00:44:34 Gregg Trude, Right to Life of Montana
00:45:53 Laura Glueckert, Self
[EXHIBIT\(juh14a04\)](#)
00:51:24 Constance Leveque, Self
00:52:01 Dave Wood, Self
00:52:31 Meg Blom, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:24 Rep. Court
00:56:07 Rep. Regier
00:56:34 Rep. Court
00:57:20 Rep. Regier
00:57:27 Chair J. Bennett
00:57:35 Jane Amdahl, AARP
00:58:48 Rep. McConnell
00:59:56 Rep. Regier
01:00:29 Rep. Hill
01:02:32 Jane Amdahl, AARP
01:05:10 Rep. Hill
01:06:17 Laura Glueckert, Self
01:06:48 Rep. Hill
01:07:01 Laura Glueckert, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:29 Rep. Regier

01:08:06 Chair J. Bennett

HEARING ON HB 207**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:09:11 Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 207, Prohibiting disclosure of media info from electronic communications services.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:10:46 Rep. Regier left the meeting.

01:14:14 John MacDonald, Montana Newspaper Association

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:17:42 Rep. Hill
01:18:52 Rep. Zolnikov
01:21:59 Rep. Hill
01:22:49 Rep. Zolnikov
01:24:50 Rep. Wagoner
01:25:09 Rep. Zolnikov
01:25:22 Rep. Wagoner
01:25:51 Rep. Zolnikov
01:26:41 Rep. Wagoner
01:26:59 Rep. Zolnikov
01:27:07 Rep. Kelker
01:27:29 Rep. Zolnikov
01:27:50 Rep. Kelker
01:28:08 Rep. Zolnikov
01:28:41 Rep. Meyers
01:29:32 John MacDonald, Montana Newspaper Association
01:30:07 Rep. Hill left the meeting.
01:30:17 Chair J. Bennett
01:30:27 Rep. Zolnikov
01:33:16 Rep. Pease-Lopez
01:33:51 Rep. Zolnikov
01:34:58 Rep. Person
01:36:29 Rep. Zolnikov
01:37:17 Rep. Doane
01:37:36 John MacDonald, Montana Newspaper Association
01:38:55 Rep. McConnell
01:40:00 Rep. Zolnikov

01:40:12 John MacDonald, Montana Newspaper Association
01:40:43 Rep. McConnell
01:41:05 Chair J. Bennett
01:41:10 Rep. Monforton

Closing by Sponsor:

01:42:18 Rep. Zolnikov

01:43:09 Rep. Monforton
01:43:12 Chair J. Bennett
01:44:22 Helen Thigpen, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:44:45 Chair J. Bennett
01:44:50 Helen Thigpen, LSD
01:44:55 Chair J. Bennett

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:45:55

McKenzie Chambers, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([juh14aad.pdf](#))